

REMARKS

The amendment in the claims was made to avoid charges for multi-dependent claims contained in the application.

Consideration of the above amendment is respectfully requested because it does not add any new material and is filed prior to any consideration by the Patent Office.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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